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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

Please amend Claims 1-3 and 15 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A cask comprising:

a basket including a plurality of rectangular plate members capable of absorbing neutrons and alternately piled up vertically, the plurality of rectangular plate members each having a plurality of cutting sections for mutually engaging the plurality of rectangular plate members, the rectangular plate members forming a plurality of cells each configured to hold a spent fuel assembly, the basket having a cross section having a plurality of stepped corners;

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